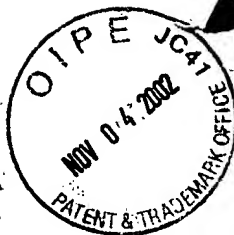


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In the restriction requirement mailed on September 30, 2002, the Examiner identified five groups of claims: Group I drawn to Claims 1-14 and 46-48; Group II drawn to Claims 15-24, 49 and 50; Group III drawn to Claims 25-36, 51 and 52; Group IV drawn to Claims 37 and 38; and Group V drawn to Claims 39-45, 53 and 54. Applicants elects, without traverse, the claims directed to Group I (i.e., Claims 1-14 and 46-48). Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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